FIRST BANQUET OF THE LINCOLN

George E Judd
H S Fierce
Dwight Gens
Leres Day
Leven Hypt, Jr.,
H H Keeler
Archie K Githson
Kaiph H Spencer
Juseph Penney
H N Douber
Fred A Maynard
Harry Union
F A Hodgers
Thomas D Githery
George G Steketee
H J Kirkland
Charles R Shigh
George Bunnell
Joseph Dillon
John Eingeld
J Mann
J H Pallo
William Winegar
Z V Coency
L Abarich
Coloric Rose

Collas H Johnston
feorge Fox
L S Stow
Bendamin Gilden
L E Hishop
W H Haggerty
Airon Clark
Theodore Williams
W B Williams
D C Lyle
W S Stevens
A N Avery
Don J Leathers
L H Avery

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Pol Campbell
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I S College
I S Santhout
E B Fisher
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W Millard Paimer
I Manbyne
W Hoseo

F Brinkman H Jones B Watkins

Charles W Black

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Frank I Chase
H J Blobser
William B Anderson
John Melmiyre
Ct Folimer
Engene W Jones
0 B Stanffer
Francis Leteliter
S G Milner
Thomas Peck
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A J Litet
F B Shear
J I Gould
F G Dabble
F Woerfel
D E Burns
E J Cheland
H N Dosker
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David Forbes

J Miner
C R Eschanan
W W Mitches
J A Verserke
Dr J R Stevenson
E B Gardner
Dr M C Shienair
W H Royne
John Chuideid
F D Warren
F W Foster
H W Foster
H W Foster
H W Harts
William Brummeller

SKETCH OF THE CLUB,

How It Has Grown and Prospered From

Infancy. The Lincoln club was organized one

year ago. From the first hour it has

prospered. It started with 100 charter

members and has rapidly grown until it

now holds a place in western Michigan equal to the p attor held by the Mich-igan club in the eastern part of the

These officers are deserving of great

all republicans for the efficient service

dent of the club, who had the honor of

giving the organization ladistinguished name, has been especially active in its

potent factor in the compaign of 1802 and did efficient service for the success

mination of the principles of the re-

publicate party, perfecting its organi-cation and its general success at the

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William Alden Smith

18 Horn

19 Couger

1 J. Feiner

1 K. Enuppen

M. A Front

1 A. S. Veidler

A B Turner

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J & V. Agnew

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W. Rutterfield

The Republicans of This City Hold a Grand and to perform such other work as may best conserve the interest of the republican party."

Every resident of Kent county over 18 years of age is eligible to member ship and may become a member by subscribing to the constitution or in

ATTENDED BY MICHIGAN'S EX-GOVERNORS

A Feast of Reason and Flow of Soul That Were Unequaled for Fellowship.

GEMS OF THE NIGHT | the Lincoln club to rejoice in the present and to make plane for future action:
However, John T. Rich, Lansing.
Ex-dissernor David H. Jerome, Saginaw.
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Ex-dissernor Cyrus G. Lace, Codewater.
The Hon, Philip T. Calgrey, president
State Republican league, Hastings.
Heat, Hyson M. Cutcheon, city.
The How, Washington therdor, Albion.
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The How, Charles W. Wathins, president
not Coarposter.
Ex-Disserved H. S. Pherce
H. E. Walch
Dwight Homs

Splendid Speeches by Representative Men.

PATRIOTISM AND VIRTUE LIVE

In the Breast of Michigan Republicans -Full Report of the Splendid Success.

Such was be, our martyr chief,

Luncoln, the Lincoln club,

The man gave he life for the principles of the republican party. The cinb | M. Stronby the state in which they were given birth at the memorable gathering under the

Lincoln, the man whose name is emblazoned high in the long list of inkeep the grandest nation toat the sun ever shone up a from being wrecked. Where is it more fitting for Lincoln, the club, to commence its labor?

The men gathered at the first appure banquet of the Lincoln cub were typical of all the restless puch and g sheaditiveness of the republican party. They were the snining lights of the party in the state; men of intellect rity. Men from every walk of life who



PRES, CHARLES W. WATNING.

had been honored, and had honored the highest office it was in the power of | this great commonwealth to bestow. Invitatious were sent to all the ex-

dichigan now living. Nearly all were Strata overnors and lieutenant governors of there, the farmer, the lawyer, the lumberman, the banker and the soldier. Never in Michigan has there been such a gather-ing of republicans of this fair state which better illustrated the grandeur of the regulations principles and the loyalty, integrity and far eightedness of the men who gave the party beeth. Each of the hunored guests were and morin of the state party leaders. A man need but look for an instant at their careers to be convinced of that. State it is the plan to hold the annual in aring their lives they had but lived hanquet on Lincoln's birthday, February 12, but that date failing on Sunday it is the purpose of the Lincoln club | this year, the date of the banquet was

to sow broadcast the precepts of its changed to February 10. The officers great nametaks. For the nonce the of the club for the past year have been club is modest and will confine its President, C. W. Watkins; secretary. efforts to Western Michigan. The field Dwight Goss: treasurer, E. S. Pierce. is broad and worthy the efforts of any man. Dense forests of pine have fallen | credit and entitled to the gratitude of man ear, and in place of the Mackingw- they have rendered. Animated by a suited man blazing his way through spirit of unswerving loyalty to the great teache of virgin pine, the plos- principle of the republican party, as man turns teach the earth that enumerated by the great patronymic of she may give forth ner increase and the club, they have devoted much of out of her abundance a portion of the time and abilities to the promofinite of the field may be sent to less thou of its interests, and have placed it favored lands. The agriculturist is upon a solid foundation for future the ford of the mighty, rolling, tolling, success. Mr. Watkins, the first presteeming, pushing, aggressive west. With him rests the future of the na-

Foreigners, possessed with theift and the patience which only comes to States is simply a currencepts from been and will not be exerted to prowhose mouth flows, in a coassiess mote the interests of any particular stream, one riches of the earth and persons, but will be directed to the dis-They know little of the form of government and care less about its ocipies. Liberty is what they seek and they rest content in its possession. Yet in their stordy loins is the future. closy of our country, the empire of the patriotic purposes for which it was man the Lencoln club has cast its los.



affix his name thereto, and paying the membership fee of \$1.

The club has rooms furnished in the Morey block on Pearl street, and keeps open house at all times for its members. and their friends. The constitution will probably soon be changed so that members may be taken in from any county in western Michigan. If it shall succeed in organizing the western half of the state as well as it has in organ-

the brighter in their conscionaness of the man whose face they beamed upon. At the end of the central table was a life-sized portrait of Washington. Like all the other pictures in the hall, it was surrounded with the flags of the country that calls him father. On the eastern wall were pictures of Phil Steridan and Linc In, and flags everywhere without number. Every window in the room was curtained with an American flag. Between the main hall and the cloak rooms, great flags did dity as portiores, and over the archways were festioned the national colors.

ways were festioned the national colors.

The rostrum was reserved for the teastmaster and speakers. At either side of the table were portraits of Blaine, Harrison, McKinley and Reid. The pictures rested upon easels, and were draped with the flags of the nation. Clinging to the portrait of James G. Blaine, its deep black in striking contrast to the brilliant-hued national standard, was a wreath of crape, the only token of mourning to be seen in the hail. The heart of every loyal republican present beat more softly as he thought of the great leader whose death leaves a gap which can never be filled in the ranks of the grand old party.

The carpet in the club rooms was covered with canvas. The tables were three in number, and extended the entire length of the bail. Covers were laid for 250 guests. Warren Swetland was the caterer. He had charge of the decorate as also. The service was excellent, and the sixteen colorest waiters rendered perfect service to the throng at the tables.

The mean had to be confined to certain limits, owing to the impossibility of doing any cooking in the anteroems of the hall. It is as follows:

Stuffed utives. Caviar on Teast.

Oak Island on shell.
Stuffed Olives. Caviar on Toast.
Escalloned Oysters.
Boned Turkey. Gaze siame.
Champagne Ham. Roast Chicken,
Chicke. Saind.
Fresh Lobster Saind. Celery Saind.
Roman Putch, Coffee.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

izing Kent county it will prove the; Promptly at the appointed hour th greatest factor in republicanism in Michigan. Its members consist of live, progressive and energetic republicans. Its leaders are among the brightest republicans of the state. Moses Taggart, L. E. Knappen, T. D. Gilbert, M. S. Crosby, L. G. Palmer, William Alden Smith, Energy W. Editorial Byron M. Smith, Roger W. Butterfield, Byron M. divine favor in these words: Cutcheon and C. E. Perkins are a few "Great Father of us all; It is no of the bright, inspiring names with which its rester is graced. With such men to lead, the young republicans of western Michigan will have implanted



HON, PHILIP T. COLOBOVE. firmly in their minds the principles of republicanism, and will be prepared to meet and fight those who are opposed

ELABORATE DECORATIONS. The Club Rooms Lavishly Decurated

for the Event. The Lincoln club rooms were a blaze of national colors in honor of the event. Every nook in the hall was en-

shrined by the emblems of American From the center of the ceiling game attenmers of red, white and bine were suspended to the corners and aides of

the room. From the midst of the gangy colors, gleamed multi-hued lanterns, whose substued rays abed a soft meliow in their stority forms a the future. It will faithfully endeavor to fulfill light over the great banqueting tables of our country, the empire of the patriotic purposes for which it was at the end of the patriot cale, promote and maintain the prin- whom the sinh's menters had met to

"Great Father of us all: It is needful for or to acknowledge all these blessings. We hope that the ties of brotherhood may be strength ened from this hear. Bless us all. Amen."

When the riands had been thoroughly discussed. President Wat-kins rapped for attention to begin the

ADDRESS OF WELCOME. President Watkins Eloquently Receives the Guests.

As President Watkins arose to de liver his address of welcome be was greeted with applause. In a clear and distinct voice, he said:

"One year ago at a meeting of a few republicans of this city, the Lin-coln Republican club of Kent county was organized. Officers were elected and a constitution and bylaws were adopted providing for a annual reunion and basquet at this time. I had the honor to be elected the first president of this club, and now the pleasant duty is assigned me upon this, the occasion, the first annual meeting of the Lincoln Republican club of Kent county, to welcome to our home the active, surnest repre sentatives of republican sentiment the patriotic devoted exponents of the principles of our pointical faith as enunciated by him in whose honor we meet and calebrate tought—Abraham

Lincoin. "I rom the date of the landing of the Prigrims at Piymouta Rock, down to the time when the colonists revolved against the tyranny and the oppression of the mother country, on down through the struggles, hardenips, re-

otic purpose, of noble impulse, of kind and loving heart; born in obscurity and poverty. Itving, growing, developing side by side and always in touch with our common homanity. I give it as my opinion, that for strength of character, for integrily of purpose, for devotion to constitutional liberty, for wise statesmanship and skillful diplomacy, for military foreaght and for comprehension of the wants and necessities of the people, he was the greatest man of his day and the grandest exponent of republican doctrine and the fundamental priociples enunciated in the Declaration of Independ-



nce of the age in which be lived. He

ence of the age in which be lived. He believed in the equality of all men before the law, in exact justice, with 'malice toward none and with charity for all.' He believed in upholding the credit and the good name of his country. He believed in the principles of a protectiva tariff and in the protection of American industries.

"When the war was practically over, the victory won, the rebellion crushed and the union preserved, he gave up his life a martyr to the cause and land he served and loved so well. The great principles of which he was the advocate and leader, were carried forward by the republican party, and the history of this country for thirty years—the grandest thirty years of our existence—has been written by the republican party. The annals of the world's history do not record a development so grand, a career so glorious, a growth so prosperous and wonderful as America has experienced under the guidance of the republican party. It is only a temporary defeat, for the principles of the republican party. It is only a temporary defeat, for the principles of the republican party still live, they are fundamental, permanent and secure. In 1892 was our fluil Run. In 1896 will be their Appoination; the rapks are filling up, our leaders are confident and our cause is just. Michigan is on guard. The unjust legislation enacted by the democratic party two years ago must go! We are in line

two years ago must go! We are in line for the coming contest. Let no repub-lican be discouraged or faiter. A gio-rious future and a glorious victory will be ours. Michigan is safely in the republican column. I welcome you one and all to the home of the Lincoln club. city, a republican county and a republican state." We are proud to live in a republican

NOTICES OF REGRET. Many Invited Unable to Attend Send

Their Regrets. At this point Secretary Goss announced the following letters of regret

and notices of inability to attend: Hon. Thomas W. Palmer had accepted an invitation to the banquet and a toast had been assigned to him, but he was compelled at the last h to decline, having been called to Washington upon important business connected with the Columbian fair.

Letters of regret were received from Hon. W. S. Linton, congressman-elect, Saginaw; Hon. D. D. Aitken, congressman-elect, Flint; Hon. Charles E. Belkusp; Hon. Stanley W. Torner, Lansing; Hon. John Avery, congressman-elect, Greenville; the vice pres-dent, Governor McKinley, Chauncey M. Depew; ex-senator John C. Spooner, Wisconsin; ex-Senator Cushman K. Davis, Minnesota; Congressman Dolli-

er, Iowa; Congressman J. C. Burrows. The following letters were received:

Union States Savata. J. Feb. 1, 1983.
Mr. George Chapperton, Orang Bapida, Mich.: Dear Sin-1 am in receipt of the invitation of the Lincoln Republican club of Grand Bapida, to enjoy the evening of February in with them. As I have already outsided to Concrate Contended who vertailly presented your sind Cutcheon, who vertally presented your kind invitation, my duties here will prevent me



OFN. BYRON M. CTICHEON.

from traving Washington, before the close of from leather the state of the next few search is a second to me that during the next few search be treather the unminion party has begant from the may of identical many today. These are the lines and every recommendational to obtain a should be obtained and every recommendational at some a correlated but he thrown are an every strong resident.

James No Minara.

verses and successes, the victories and defeats, through the period of progress, growth and development that has attended this action to the present hour. America has never produced a man who comes nearer terms a typical representative of American envigation than he in whose honor we celebrate tonight. Enged and sturdy in his character, powerful in his logic, mighty in his intellect, like the gant oak of the forest his howerful above the men of the forest his howerful above the men of the forest his lowerful above the men of the forest his howerful above the men of the forest his lowerful above the men of the forest his howerful above the men of the forest his lowerful above the men of the lowerful above the men of the forest his lowerful above the men of the lowerful above the lowerful above the men of the lowerful above the lowerful above the lowerful above the lowerful above the men of the lowerful above the lowerful abo

RESTINGS TO GOVERNOR BLAIR. The Venerable Old Hero Remembered in

The guests were requested to arise and drink in ellence to the memory of the chieftains who have so lately fallthe chieftains who have so lately fallen—James G. Blaine and Rutherford
B. Hayes. This was done and then
President Watkins called upon General
Cutcheon for a sentiment on the absence of ex-Governor Blair.

General Cutcheon said: "I think it
would be highly appropriate that we
send the greetings of the club to exGovernor Blair. I will offer the following."

The Lincoln Republican stub of Grant

Wild applause followed the reading

Wild applause followed the reading of the dispatch and it was ordered sent to the old war governor immediately. President Watkins introduced ex-Governor Jerome as follows:

'In 1882 Saginaw gave to Michigan a governor whose administration was marked with economy and justice. Ex-Gov. David H. Jerome, who will speak to you on the subject: 'The Republican Party, the Friend of Business Enterprise and Sound Finance.'"

GOVERNOR JEROME.

He Pays a High Tribute to His Party's Greatness. Ex-Governor Jerome arose amid

deafening cheers, and said:

"Mr. Charman and Friends—I wish to return thanks to the committee that arranged this program for giving me this subject. I have found that I have better aftersight than foresight. I am not as old as Mothuselah, but my memory teaches me that the good the republicans has done the country is due to the fact that the party has stood by the principles of republicanism. One hundred years ago the country was in a struggle between two parties striving for mastery in a newly organized government. One of these parties was led by a man who, while great in some regards, was as a business man a total failure. I speak of Thomas Jefferson. He held that this was an agricultural country and could not com-"MR. CHAIRMAN AND FRIENDS-I wish cultural country and could not comturing. The other side of the question held that we must have diverseful industries. That doctrine was vocated by Alex Hamilton. Ha



EX-GOVERNOR R. A. ALGEE.

has had a large followingflourish, but a change in the laws would bring ruin. In 1861, the party which had opposed us all through was called from legislative halls to make war on the government. When the the reins of government our industries grew wonderfully. The first thing we did was to erect a barrier at the ports. It was then that our nome men entered the manufacturing pursuits. From a third rate nation as regards manugreatest of nations. I remember when we depended on England for all our iron and steel, all our

cutlery and machinery. Now we export these articles and make money. Another thing we did was to prepare a good solid corrency. We established national banks and the wildcat currency went out of existence. That helped every man in business, the farmer, the mechanic, everyone was begentted. We issued bonds and we paid out interest in coin, too. We owed \$3,000,000,000 at the close tof the war and some persons thought it could never be paid. What is the condition today? (Applause). Our waterways had to be improved. What has the republican party done in this direction? We were met at Washington in the early days with the assertion that it was not constitutional to improve iniand waterways. Ships now float from thinago to Enffain and stop in hundreds of fine hasbors, Thanks to the republican party. [Applause] These works have belowd every man woman and could in America. In 1861 while we were a beby in commerce and manufactures, today we are the greatest. Turse are a few of the things brought about by the party of our cause. "He always felt like putting his thumbs in his test arm boles and swelling out with pride when he considered what the republican party had done for the country. [Applause]
Freedent Walkins gave a history of

the Republican league. "We have as presentent new of the league, one of the cause promising young republicans of the state, Philip L. Colgrove expplanes. He will speak to you tole evening on that subject, Union is Strength, Organmation is Power. The Work of the Re-

BON. PHILIP T. COLGROVE. A Mesererful Address on the Power of Organization.

Ex-Secutor Philip I. Colgrove was streiduced as the president of the Michigan State League of Republican Clubs. He said:

of Hawaii, and at the same tune con-

of Hawaii, and at the same time confine myself to the subject.

""Union is Strength, Organization is
Power." What more appropriate
thought for the celebration of the
birthday of the great American, of
whom Colonel Ingertoil has beautifully
and truthfully and "There is not a
man, woman or child bring but that
would cheerfully inscribe on his mounument, if he could: "Here lies a man
who, though clothed with absolute
power, never used it but on the side of
mercy—Arranan Liscous." He believed that in organization and union
there was power, and his life standa as
a poem of love to this great principle
upon which the federal government



rests and into which its very life is

"It has been said that in rivers and "It has been said that in rivers and bad governments the lightest things swim to the top. In the history of our country there once arose to this surface—to live but a lone! time—the thought that in the union that there was not power or strength great enough to coerce a state. That this thought grew out of bad government, or rather the lest government the sun ever shown on, badiv governed, no one will deny: on, badly governed, no one will deny; ivion to be resurrected no more for ever, is the richest, ripest thought of our national life. The history of every great achievement is the story of the power and strength of united effort. How like a bugie blast caught up in the echoes and eddles of the lapsing cars comes sounding down to us the coices of our issunctial beroes, urging he struggling colonies to united efforts against a common foe. We can simest hear the 'steady boys, guide right' and see contending hosts on fields of onflict for the preservation of the na-

tion, united upon a principle, and be-neath the flag of a common country, pledging their lives to maintain it. "By common consent we have in-scribed over the gateway of cur nation: "Onited We Stand, Divided We Fail."

"No great victory of national importance has been attained or will ever be attained, but through cryamization and union. The same great principle is interlaced, like threads of gold in the fabric of every individual ruccess.

honor tonight, and died with the prayer upon his lipe, 'That all men every-where might be free,' gave to the world a shitting example of the power of er-ganization. I can learn of no important action he ever took, but that back of it was an organized force strong enough to insure success. I he party ancoln was united upon a great principle and the carrying into operation of that great principle has much the world highter and better. The repub-lican party from its birth to the present hour has been united upon the great questions which have affected the weal and wer of the American home. When the muss of history shall write an impartial record of the political parties of America, there will be recorded no set of the republican party which does not stand for country, home and native land. It has been united in the belief that there was a power great enough and strong enough in the federal govand wherever it reared its head. united in the belief that this is a nation n which every man in it owes his first allegience to the grand old fing. It is united in the ballef that every citizen of the United States enail be allowed to cast one free and unrestricted ballot in all public elections, and that such ballot abail for counted and returned as cash. That this is a sovereign right, guaranteed by the constitution of the union to every citizen, rich or poor, black or white, and as long as the republican party lives, it will champion and maintain this principle until fraud and corruption at the ballot bux shall be things of



THE REV. WASHINGTON GARDNESS.

the pest. The republican party bave the post. The republican party bare been united upon the great economic questions which have affected the rights of our inhorage as well as all classes of our dittens. We have been united in the belief that all articles which cannot be produced in the United States, except incurrees should be admitted free of duty, and that on all imports coming in competiting with the products of American ishoughbould be levied duties equal to the difference of wages strong and wages at home. That this great principle has been not only patriotic and wise, but that order its operation the country has prospered and teem the country has prospered and been blessed is been attented by the startling instant the function club has cast its lot.

Instituted with the surpose of castilling in the surpose of republican person of republican person of republican person of republican person of a section o